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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN QUERY ON RTG ATTITUDE ON UTAPAO-DIEGO GARCIA

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REFS: A. BANGKOK 4395 B. BANGKOK 2685

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER (JOHN RIDLEY) CALLED ON US MARCH 22 SAYING THAT CANBERRA HAD INQUIRED ABOUT THE RTG ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR SUPPORT OF DIEGO GARCIA OUT OF THAILAND. HE SAID HE HAD LITTLE BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT EXCEPT FOR A CURSORY READING OF STORIES IN THE LOCAL ENGLISH PRESS.

2. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE SHARP CRITICISM IN THE LOCAL PRESS (REF A) WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE OFFICIAL RTG STATEMENT (REF B) WHICH SAID THAT THERE WERE BOTH GOOD AND BAD ASPECTS TO THE DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION AND THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF BIG POWER TENSION DID NOT DEVELOP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. WE ALSO PROVIDED COPIES OF THE MARCH 13 AND 14 DOD PRESS BRIEFINGS AND THE SEYMOUR WEISS STATEMENT BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, WE CONFIRMED THAT SUPPORT FLIGHTS DO GO FROM UTAPAO, ADDING THAT THE RTG KNOWS ABOUT THEM. THE SUBJECT OF INDIAN OCEAN PATROL FLIGHTS FROM UTAPAO DID NOT COME UP IN THE CONVERSATION.

4. COPIES REFTELS AND PERTINENT TEXTS POUCHEO CAMBERRA.
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